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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Li et al.

Confirmation No.: 8877

Application No.: 09/804,014

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Examiner: Sullivan, Daniel M.

For:

NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES AND

NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Attorney Docket No.: 15966-721 (Cura-221)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time for replying to the Office Action, which was mailed on September 21, 2004, in connection with above-identified application. With the extension, the reply is due on or before January 21, 2005.

Please charge \$60 (small entity) petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) or any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 502648, reference number Cura-221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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